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# Glad Tidings

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## The New Look

The so-called new look we hear so much about makes grandma feel like the old days are here again. The radical change in the style for women's clothes hasn't settled into our thinking too well as yet. It takes a while for the eye and the pocketbook to adjust the new style to custom. But the new is only a reversion to the old—gone from us just long enough to look new upon its return.

In a somewhat similar manner the old-fashioned gospel, old-time religion, when it returned, found itself being treated in many quarters as something new. Forgetting that in the days of their origin the denominations of today were much like the full gospel movement of today, the folk who consider the Pentecostal message something new would offer resistance to it.

But in another sense there is a new look for the Christian that should in its own way set him apart from the world—"Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

The man fresh from the touch of God bears a new look to those about him—to those with eyes to see. When Jacob had finished wrestling with the angel of the Lord, he had a new look. His hip was touched, and he never walked the same. When Moses descended from the top of Sinai, he had a new look—"He wist not that his face shone." To accommodate the Children of Israel, who had not drawn near to God, for a time he had to cover his face with a veil. These men were not approaching God for the first time. Already they were men of faith, men of experience with the living God; but there was that further touch from God, that touch that marks a man and gives him that "different" look, that puts into his bearing an intangible something that is real enough to be perceived by others.

David had a new look when he stepped out of the ranks of Saul's army to challenge Goliath. Without the armor of the soldier, but with the reinforcement that comes with faith in the living God, the lad with the new look, so far

as soldiers go, brought to Israel a great victory. Gideon's army had the new look the night they went to the battle with the Philistines. In size the army was different. Cut from 32,000 to 300 men to accomplish the strategy of the Lord God, that army had the new look in equipment, for it is not the custom to go to battle with torch, pitcher, and trumpet as instruments of warfare. But the new look in the will of the Lord, executed according to the direction of the Lord, again brought victory to a people needing deliverance.

One man in Paris leads the way in his salon, and the women of America bow to the dictates of a fashion which soon becomes custom in the realm of apparel. While much talk of objection goes on, the needle and thread flies to line up with this new trend so easily become the accepted rule.

In the realm of the spiritual there is too often a reluctance to be different, retarding the spreading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Were the believer as ready today to be different where the Spirit of Christ and His influence in the life make the difference, there would be an upsurge in the consciousness of the nation and of the world that the gospel of Christ is a power to be considered not only in groups that gather at houses of worship but human relationships everywhere.

Let every Christian be willing to wear the new look for his Lord, the look of a man free from sin in a world filled with sinfulness, the look of a man happily satisfied in his new life in a world unhappy and unsatisfied by the world of strain and destruction, the look of a man confident in the love of his Lord in a world lacking in assurance for the future. Let him be all out for God and His righteousness, Spirit-filled and earnest in the service of the kingdom. In so doing he will have a new look that will help many in this old weary world, and he will glorify his Lord Who some day will give a new look to all the world when He comes to reign in righteousness.

M. M.

**If He Should Come Today**  
 If He should come today  
 And find my hands so full  
 Of future plans, however fair,  
 In which my Saviour has no share,  
 What would He say?  
 If He should come today  
 And find my love so cold  
 My faith so very weak and dim,  
 If I had not even looked for Him,  
 What would He say?  
 If He should come today  
 And find I had not told  
 One soul about my heavenly Friend,  
 Whose blessings all my way attend,  
 What would He say?  
 If He should come today  
 Would I be glad—quite glad,  
 Remembering He had died for all,  
 And none, through me, had heard His  
 call,  
 What would He say?

—Selected.

### The Eight Do-Mores:

Do more than exist—*live*. Do more than touch—*feel*. Do more than look—*observe*. Do more than read—*absorb*. Do more than hear—*listen*. Do more than listen—*understand*. Do more than think—*ponder*. Do more than talk—*say something*.

—John Harsen Rhoades.

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The mind is constituted with the capacity for knowledge and the desire to possess and increase it. Strictly speaking knowledge is the apprehension by the mind of some fact or truth in accordance with its real nature.

Knowledge is not mere opinion. Opinion has been defined as the halfway mark between truth and falsehood. How we need to learn to distinguish between matter of fact and matter of opinion. Opinions may take a favorable or unfavorable aspect, for they are conditioned on the amount and degree of evidence received.

Knowledge is not reason. Reason moves in the sphere of the sensible and material things and pertains to things apprehensible by human senses. But the weakness of the senses is that they can give knowledge only of the outward, material things.

Let us never depreciate the use of reasoning in religious matters, for Isaiah calls: "Come now, and let us reason together." Paul "reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come" with Felix. Reason is a God-given faculty. There are, however, limits to human reasoning. "Now we know in part," wrote Paul. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of God, for they are spiritually discerned." The heathen have had unaided human reason throughout all history, and yet not one heathen nation has been able, by its unaided efforts to find the true God. "For the world by wisdom knew not God." Job inquired, "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?"

God is knowable in a measure by His works, but is more completely revealed by His words. Matthew 11:27—"All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." So Christ was God in the language of man. And to understand God we must grow in the knowledge of Christ. This knowledge of Christ comes to us from the Scriptures, according to Christ's words: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me."

Then the object of faith must always

## THE NATURE OF FAITH

by RAYMOND P. MURRAY

be Christ. Faith is not a savior; it is merely the instrument, the channel of approach. Observe that when Christ was speaking with Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus road, explaining the purpose of their meeting, He said: "that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by *faith that is in me*." So faith has reference not merely to doctrines and creeds, but to a person. And this faith is more than mental affirmation of systematic truths concerning Him.

### Knowledge is More than Mere Belief

The devil believes and trembles. The evidence of probability produces belief, but the evidence of certainty produces knowledge. The amount of evidence required to produce belief differs with the credulity of the people and the subject matter. Belief is part of faith, though not the whole. Those who come to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. After belief comes knowledge, for Romans 5 tells us that it is experience that produces hope.

Hope is an important ingredient of faith. "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" Man is held in balance between experience of yesterday and the hope of tomorrow. Faith gives substance to our hope and is a demonstration to the soul of that which we do not see.

Closely interlocking in these qualities, confidence can be found as an integral part of true faith. Of Abraham we read: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able also to perform." (Rom. 4:20-21). Confidence comes through association and knowledge. You cannot have utmost confidence in one whom you do not know. If you lose confidence in people, you have lost the very foundation upon which social transactions are based. This confidence is dependent upon the veracity of another. "Beloved if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God" (1 John 3:21).

### Patience as Part of Faith

Knowledge of people usually gives one a sympathetic understanding and therefore more patience. We are instructed: "Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Heb. 6:12). "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise" (Heb. 10:35-36).

In his Gospel, John writes: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (20:31). Therefore, we conclude that the Bible is the source book of knowledge, and Christ must be the object of faith. Faith is not a blind something, for it begins with knowledge. It is not a speculative thing, for it is founded on the infallible, inerrant Word of God.

### Agreement

We must agree with the acquired knowledge. We must agree with the sources of information. There cannot be uncertainty concerning the Bible. There must be a source of information, for man's knowledge is partial at best.

True faith is not presumption. We cannot say I believe I am saved, for I have such delightful feelings, such wonderful sensations. We are saved because the Word of God says we are. Where, then, is the seat of faith? Not in the intellect alone. Through this God-given faculty, we see the historic evidence, which carries on in thought processes, and forms concepts and judgments. But that is limited to our five senses. Senses give evidence of things seen; whereas faith is evidence of things unseen. Not in the imagination. Fiction, drama, poetry derive much from this ability to place into words or on canvas the mind's vision. Here, too, is a danger, for it can distort the truth and mistake fancies for realities. Faith comes from the heart—"With the heart man believeth unto righteousness. When we refer to the heart, it is not to the organ of our bodies.

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Because of the mild winter and the lovely weather we have had, Germany is indeed beautiful as far as the landscape and scenery is concerned. And to drive along the lovely autobahns, you can travel along for many a mile and hardly realize that this country was ravaged by war. The lovely little towns are as picturesque as ever when viewed from a distance. But you have only to leave the autobahn and go into any city of any size to realize that even after three years, the results of the bombings are everywhere. The mammoth job of cleaning up the rubble has begun, but it seems that hardly a dent has been made. In many cities blocks and blocks, often dozens of blocks, are as we saw them three years ago when we marched in with the troops—merely deserts of rubble and dirt, uninhabitable desolation.

It was my wife's first trip into Germany, and she just sat back speechless at the sight. She had seen some destruction in Holland, Belgium, and France, but nothing that would begin to compare with the bombed-out cities of Germany. But my intentions are not to write about the material situation in Germany, though certainly the need is great along that line. No one is starving in Germany today, but still the people are hungry all the time. To see the puffy-faced children you would think that they are healthy specimens. But a diet of potatoes will make you fat.

My interest is primarily in the spiritual need. It seems that at the present time anyone can gain a hearing and also a following. So this is the time we should send forth those who will preach the full gospel message. The Lord is working in various places in Germany in a wonderful way.

Together with Chaplain Ptasnick, I went to Munich to attend a baptismal service. Over 35 were baptized in water. Before the war there was no Pentecostal church in Munich. But since the war quite a number of people have been saved, while other Pentecostal believers have been among the refugees from the east. Besides our German church, there is a group of displaced persons. We attended a service among the Russian believers. About 60 of them had gathered together from several DP camps in Bavaria. It was a precious service, although rather long (three hours and even more

## Revival Among Ruins

by JOHN LINDVALL

doesn't seem very long to these folks). Among the ministering brethren who came was a young man who is a doctor. Besides being the camp doctor in his particular camp, he is also pastor of the group of believers.

God works in marvelous ways His work to accomplish. Near Stuttgart I met a Brother Herman Lauster, who was saved in the Church of God in America. In 1936 he returned to Germany with a passion for souls. God blessed his ministry, and before the war 10 churches were opened. But he, like many of our brethren, was sent to a concentration camp. Later he was released and sent into the army. He spent some time in England as a prisoner of war. When he was released he continued his work in Germany. At the present time he and his coworkers have eight organized churches and 12 other preaching places. God has blessed their efforts and many souls have been saved, especially among the young people. Having been converted in the South among people with much life and demonstration, Brother Lauster has brought the same spirit into his work here. Never in all of Europe have I seen such life. The other Pentecostal folks speak of it as the "Americanish Geist," or American spirit. I attended a youth rally where about 150 young people had gathered. I thoroughly enjoyed the service because it had been a long time since I had seen such singing, clapping of hands, dancing, shaking and general demonstration. Of course I could see the reason for criticism by the more conservative Pentecostal people. However, their sincerity impressed me. I believe that with guidance and teaching this movement will prove a real blessing in the south of Germany.

But the greatest work of all is another postwar movement in the same vicinity, in and near Stuttgart. Sister Gassner is a precious sister of prayer, who was in England with the Elim Foursquare movement. Easter Sunday and Monday, Brother Duplessis, Brother Kinderman, and I were with her in their Easter conference. And what a meeting! Truly God

is working in Germany today. It seems that the time has come for a great revival. Over 230 were baptized in water during the conference. This is the third baptismal service they have had since last June, with over 600 following the Lord in water baptism. Praise the Lord! It was a thrill to speak to over 1500 people, who packed the large gymnasium which they were using for the services. And at the conclusion of the service, when the invitation was given, actually scores of hands were raised for prayer. The after-services were held in a smaller auditorium where the service continued for several hours, while hungry hearts found their Saviour. What a thrill it was to witness a sight like this! Three years ago when I visited these same towns I wondered if there were any Christians at all. Now to gather with hundreds who are redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus is a wonderful experience.

## Faith

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The word heart as used in the Bible denotes the will, the intellect, the affections. And with this triune faith we have a faith unshakable.

### Appropriation

It is not enough to know the formula or ingredients of a prescription; it must be taken if it is to do its work. A drowning man may be a manufacturer of life preservers, knowing all the materials that go into one, yet it will not save unless he becomes a part of it by hanging on in time of need. True faith is reliance. One may believe certain tenets of faith, but he can only trust a person. Therefore true faith is a trust. This kind of faith is stressed throughout the Bible. The middle verse of the whole Bible, Psalm 118:8, instructs: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." And repeatedly we are warned against misplaced trust (Jer. 17:5-8). We are to trust God with all our hearts, and remember that that includes the will, the intellect, and the affections.

"Love ever gives - forgives - outlives,  
And ever stands with open hands,  
And while it lives, it gives.  
For this is love's prerogative—  
To give, and give—and give."

—JOHN OXENHAM.



## WITH WINGS AS EAGLES

by J. NARVER GORTNER

"They shall mount up with wings as eagles" (Isa. 40:31). Who shall thus mount up? "They that wait upon the Lord."

In order that a creature may fly four things are necessary:

1. There must be an element *in which* to fly, an atmosphere. No bird can fly in a vacuum.

2. There must be wings *with which* to fly. A creature without pinions may leap, but it cannot fly.

3. There must be a desire, a disposition to fly.

4. There must be an effort put forth. The element, the wings, the desire, or disposition, without effort, are not sufficient. But when all these are linked together, the creature that was made to fly leaves the earth, and cleaves the atmosphere, and mounts up toward the heavens.

The application is so plain that elaboration is altogether unnecessary. "They shall mount up with wings as eagles."

Are you familiar with that remarkable volume, "The Book of Job," in Parker's *People's Bible*, a monumental work that ought to be in every preacher's library? Dr. Joseph Parker was called "a preacher to preachers," and he once remarked that it was the greatest compliment, in his opinion, he had ever received, for it had been his ambition for many years to be helpful to ministers. His *People's Bible* is a series of expositions of Scripture, covering the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and has been published in twenty-seven volumes. His volume on "The Book of Job" is one of the series, and, like the other volumes, is packed with sound thought, good sense, evangelical truth, and entrancing eloquence. Howard Carter said to me recently, "I do not care for Spurgeon, but Joseph Parker delights me." And I was not surprised, for Howard Carter, whose ideas seem naturally to assume in his mind a poetical form, has the mind of a poet as well as that of a thinker; and, open one of Joseph Parker's volumes, where you will, and begin to read, and you will not have read far until you will discover, if you have an appreciation of thought and at the same

time of the beauty of poetic expression, that your mind and heart are being fed and that your sense of the beautiful in literary expression is being amply gratified.

The sentences that follow are all taken *verbatim* from the volume on "The Book of Job," and are worthy of a place in every preacher's scrapbook:

"We do not say that there may not be an apparent equality between one man and another. One man may profess faith in Christ, and pray to God: and the other may make no such profession. Viewed according to the mere flesh, there may even be superiority on the side of him who makes no profession of religion; there may be points of great similarity between them; yet there may also be between them the profoundest contrast. They may dwell in the same neighborhood, yet they may live in different regions of the universe. They may reside upon the beat of the same tax-gatherer, yet may breathe atmospheres separated by immeasurable miles; and the explanation of the difficulty may be found in the presence or absence of faith. All birds are not the same birds; neither are all men the same men. Though it is very possible for a child who is looking at two birds to say, 'They are both birds; one, therefore, must be as good as the other;' for the child would judge by colour and shape, and form his judgment upon things that are but superficial.

"Hear a dialogue, and say what it means: Two birds are in conversation. 'How many eyes have you?' 'Two.' 'So have I.' 'How many wings have you?' 'Two.' 'So have I.' 'How many legs?' 'Two.' 'So have I.' 'And you are covered with feathers, and so am I.' Then the birds are both alike; they are both birds, and *there* is an end of the matter. No, no! They are both birds,—yes. But the beak of one is as wax, and the beak of the other is as iron; the legs of the one spread out into webs, and the legs of the other curl into coils of steel; the wings of the one flutter in the farmyard, the wings of the other flap themselves at the gate of the sun! They are both birds,—yes. But the one is a goose, and the other is an eagle!

"We have heard a party of friends singing the same piece of music. For a while their voices blended very sweetly, and not being able to offer a scientific criticism upon the performance, we thought that they were all about equal. But presently they came to a passage of very high notes, very lofty music; and in that moment they all ceased but one, and that one voice went aloft—alone, and thrilled us by the perfectness of its ease! If they had stopped before that, we should have given common applause, and said, 'One is as good as another, and thank you all.' But there was a time of trial, and in that time of trial the masterly voice rose where other voices could not follow it. It is so in the great concerns and trials of life. For days together we seem to be tolerably equal, but there come special hours, critical trials, and in those moments—which are condensed lifetimes—we show the stuff we are made of and the capacity we represent. It is then that the religious man—if deeply and truly intelligent and earnest—shows himself a man."

So for Joseph Parker. And the great preacher might have added what I here add: that among those who love the Lord, and worship the Lord, and sit side by side in God's house, and adorn the Gospel of God's grace, and are endeavoring from day to day to follow the leadership of the Lord of Life, and who will doubtless spend eternity together in the Father's house, where He will wipe away all tears from all faces and feed His own beside the fountains of living waters, *there are great differences*. Some seem to be satisfied with just a little of God's grace, just enough to take them over the rough places in this world and land them after a while in the palace of the King, and others, like Paul, are on the stretch for God's best, and are availing themselves of every opportunity to grow and become strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. A good many among us are perfectly satisfied if they can "walk and not faint"; others want to be able to "run and not be weary"; and there are a few, a small minority, who aspire to "mount up with wings as eagles."

I have a conviction that the saints, when our Lord shall come, are going to go up in ranks, in groups, and that the first group to go up will be the bride-



hood saints, for there will be *guests* at the wedding supper, and surely bridehood saints will not be guests; and, concerning the bride we read that "she shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: *the virgins her companions that follow her* shall be brought unto Thee" (Ps. 45:14).

I wonder if it can be that only those saints who "mount up with wings as eagles," and are sometimes called "eagle saints," will be privileged to be a part of that composite character that is called "the King's daughter," — "The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold."

Whatever the truth may be concerning this matter, if we are satisfied with anything less than God's best, we are satisfied with less than Paul was satisfied with, and with less than was purchased for us by our Lord when He died upon the cross. "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13,14. There is, as can be seen, a *high calling*; there is a *prize* of the high calling; and there is a *mark* that we must reach, or what we might call a goal in this life, in order that we may receive the prize. Let us not be satisfied with anything short of that.

And in order that we may reach that goal, something more than a determined purpose and good resolutions is needed? What is needed? The answer is simple. The attractions of earth are so great that, unless the ability to mount above them is afforded by some higher source, we shall be held here, and our affections will be upon things below and not upon things above. But the ability has been provided for every real saint. Reverting to what was said at the beginning of the article concerning the four things that are necessary, I simply add, that the atmosphere, a spiritual atmosphere surrounds us, and God who put a spiritual instinct in us when He saved us has given us wings. If we have the desire, the disposition, to fly, let us put forth the effort.

With wings, as eagles, let us mount,  
And high, and higher, rise,  
Of love this world unworthy count,  
Our home beyond the skies;  
And there where God upon His throne  
O'er earth's domains presides,

Let us, through grace, affection place  
On what abides.  
This world is doomed to pass away;  
Man's sojourn here is brief;  
Our bodies formed have been of clay,  
And earth is full of grief;  
God made us not for just the time  
Assigned to us down here:  
Our souls were made to be arrayed  
In higher sphere.  
So let us rise, with eagle wings,  
Above earth's clammy plains,  
And join the ransomed host that sings  
Redemption's glad refrains,  
And thus to all mankind proclaim:  
To us the grace that's given  
God's glory brings, while eagle wings  
Bear us to heaven.

### Bible in Schools

(The following appeared in "Letters From the People" in *The Sacramento Bee* April 6, 1948)

Editor of The Bee—Sir: Relative to your editorial pertaining to an amendment to the state constitution authorizing the reading of the King James version of the Bible in the public schools:

The Bible is not a Jewish book. It is not a Protestant book. It is not a Catholic book. It is not a sectarian book at all. But it is universally for all mankind. Our nation was founded on its principles. It is the backbone of Democracy.

Our presidents take oath of office on it. Why should it not be read in the schools? Its moral value alone, regardless of interpretation, is a proven fact throughout the world wherever it is known.

The founders of our nation, declaring the church and state to be separate, did not mean the Bible should not be read in the schools. In fact, this was done quite universally in our early national history. They simply meant there was to be no state church and there was to be no jurisdiction of state over church.

Pupils in our public schools are permitted and directed to read almost everything else and make reports. Why discriminate against the Bible as if it were a poisonous and dangerous thing?

As to the version, all translations directly or indirectly stem back to the most ancient copies. The original text is the same. Certainly the various denominations should find it easy enough, therefore, to agree on the reading of the American Standard Version in our public schools.

H. G. Beck.

### Relief Needs

From the bulletin of Das Hilfswerk Evangelical Relief Agency in Germany, we quote the following:

"As regards rations, exact figures have been obtained for some parts of Germany. According to these investigations the actual ration in Baden totaled 794 calories in August, 1947. In all the towns and rural districts of Wurttemberg, Hohenzollern, an average of less than a thousand calories per day are being validated or allotted for more than a year. Here is the weekly ration in September of an average consumer.

1	pound of bread
1	pound of potatoes
½	pint of skimmed milk
1.2	ounces of meat
1	ounce of flour
0.04	ounces of cheese
0.2	ounces of noodles
0.2	ounces of soup products
0.08	ounces of fat

Such is the diet. And in some instances even less has been available to our brethren in Germany for the past three years.

Since hardly any cloth is obtainable in Europe as yet, it is imperative for us to continue to give clothing so our brethren can go to church and the children to school and Sunday school. To stop giving now would mean to forsake the needy ones at a time when they have just commenced to see a new ray of hope for tomorrow.

May we encourage our brethren and Women's Missionary Council groups to announce new clothing drives during the spring cleaning season and send them to our warehouse, And be sure not to neglect to mark them "Assemblies of God."

### Displaced Persons Program

Church World Service has helped 1710 displaced persons to come to the United States. The following nationalities are represented this year: Latvian, Lithuanian, Russian, Polish, Hungarian, and German. If immigration laws are changed, thousands of Europeans anxious and waiting to reach America's shores, the land of plenty, could be admitted shortly. Due to the fact that our own movement is now a member of CWS, it will be possible for some of our own brethren to leave misery and sorrow behind and start a new life in the New World.

—Emil J. Naef.



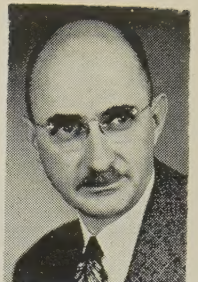


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## Missionary Tour

The missionary conventions over the District are proving to be an inspiration and blessing in the sections in which they are being held. Conducted by Brother Gaston, the party of missionaries, brought together for these meetings, is a source of interest to the places to which they are going to take part in the meetings emphasizing missions. The missionaries participating are Floyd W. Thomas from Gold Coast, West Africa, Ruth Couchman from Peru, Mrs. Christine Carmichael from Palestine, Melvin Hansen from Jamaica, and Florence Munger from Jamaica. Robert Fierro, missionary-evangelist to Mexico, is taking part in some of the meetings.

The schedule of the meetings, one in each section:

- April 27, 28—Oakland (First Church)
- 29, 30—Roseville
- May 2, 3, 4—Quincy
- 6, 7—Chico
- 9, 10—Weed
- 11, 12—Ukiah
- 14, 15, 16—San Jose (Auditorium)
- 17, 18—Vallejo
- 19, 20—Watsonville (Pajaro)
- 21, 22, 23—Turlock

Due to the critical illness of Brother T. E. Woods, presbyter of that section, no meeting has been arranged in the South San Joaquin district.

For a dead opportunity there is no resurrection.

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Unbelief looks at circumstances and leaves out God. Faith looks at God and leaves out circumstances.—C. H. McIntosh.

## Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

- May 3—Fortuna, Turlock, Westwood
- 10—Covelo, San Francisco (Bethel), Weed, Woodland
- 17—Elko, Vallejo
- 24—Gilroy, South Madera
- 31—Willows
- June 7—El Cerrito, Modesto (15th & G), Quincy Weitchpec
- 14—Campbell, Tulelake, Ukiah

## Campground Contributions

From March 19 to April 17, the following sent in donations to help in the development of Bethany Park, our new campground:

### Churches

Pacific Grove First	
Pentecostal Church	\$ 70.00
Santa Cruz Glad Tidings	
Tabernacle	121.05
Lower Lake Assembly	2.00
Stockton Calvary Tabernacle	100.00
Turlock Bethel Temple	2095.00

### Individuals

Mrs. Marie Glade	\$ 25.00
Mrs. L. M. McCarty	25.00
R. Carrington	10.00
Wm. Savidge	25.00
C. J. Lowry	25.00
J. S. Jamison	9.00
Floyd W. Thomas	10.00
C. E. Persing	100.00
Ted Parker	25.00
Bradford Wilmoth	2.50
H. W. Brown	25.00
Lillie Buffum	5.00
Alta M. Fenton	25.00
L. H. Rogers	50.00

## Cultivating the Habit of Praise

Some persons cultivate the habit of grumbling, but one is far happier if he will cultivate the habit of thanksgiving. Habit is the result of long-continued repetition. If we look for faults and disagreeable things, we will certainly find them, for as one has said, the world always shows a disappointing face. No experience is absolutely complete. No memory is altogether sweet. No prospect pleases in every phase.

But to the thankful heart there is always occasion for gratitude. Why should we not cultivate the habit of thanksgiving? We will be surprised at the large number of blessings for which thanksgiving is due.

Charles Kingsley once said: "Thank God every morning when you get up that you are forced to do something and to do your very best, for that will breed in you self-control, diligence, content, strength of will, and a hundred virtues."

We may cultivate the habit of thanksgiving through recalling frequently to our minds the thankfulness and unchangeableness of God. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever; He does not fail us at any time. We should be grateful that God never forgets us. Some one has put this truth very strikingly in the following lines:

If God forgot the world;  
Forgot for just one day—  
Forgot to send the sunshine,  
And change the night to day;  
Forgot to make the flowers grow;  
Forgot the birds and bees;  
Forgot to send the sweetness  
Of the south wind in the trees;  
Forgot to give us friendships;  
Forgot to send us rain;  
Forgot to give the children play;  
Forgot to soften pain;  
What would happen to the world, to us?  
Would we still be gay?  
If God should forget—  
Forgot for just one day?

Preparations are now under way for—

## CAMP MEETING

July 20 to August 1

Bethany Park, Santa Cruz



## Custock's Comments

The *Spiritual Thermometer* is rising among our C.A. groups in the district. It is very gratifying and encouraging to see such hunger for the Lord manifested among our precious young people. To see them seeking God in a most definite manner in our sectional rallies and C.A. services is a strong indication there is a move on to seek the Lord for personal consecration to meet the unknown problems that face us in these days that have only a big question mark as to the future.

We realize now more than ever that Christ is the answer to every problem, whether it be personal, church, national or international. With Paul of old, let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

**Speakers Engaged**—The mid-summer convention at Santa Cruz July 30 to August 1 will soon be here. Robert Fierro has been engaged to speak for one week in the morning-watch and evening vesper services. Ralph Harris, ex-National C.A. Secretary and now pastor of Fremont Tabernacle in Seattle, Washington will be the convention speaker. The C.A.'s will be glad to know that Eddie and Ruth Washington will be youth evangelists at Santa Cruz August 30 to September 3. We are also very happy to report that Charles Blair, well known convention speaker in other parts of the country, will be with us at the fall convention in Oakland. This year he is C.A. convention speaker for Washington, Oregon, Southern Calif. and our District.

**Ray Morales**—Recently I received a long distance call from Ray Morales in Los Angeles. He is on his way to Mexico to minister the gospel to that needy nation. It is thrilling to know that Ray, one of our own C.A.'s, converted just two years ago at Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco, has given his life for full time missionary work in Mexico. He very earnestly asked me to remind our C.A.'s to remember him in prayer. Let us hold up Ray before the throne of grace for his chosen field of labor is a difficult and arduous one, with much persecution facing him.

Well, that's "thirty" for now. The Lord bless you one and all.

• THOMAS J. CUSTOCK  
President and C.A. Editor  
21 Hermosa Avenue, Vallejo

# Christ's

## THEY HELPED SPEED THE LIGHT

This is a list of individual C.A. groups giving for Speed the Light for 1947 as released by the National C.A. office. This may not be complete, since the amount coming through our District office goes to Springfield without notation as to individual groups.

Alameda .....	\$ 39.50
Alamo .....	4.00
Auburn .....	40.00
Benicia .....	72.00
Berkeley .....	63.85
Boyes Springs .....	7.69
Central Valley .....	8.00
Chico .....	67.09
Chowchilla .....	50.00
Colusa .....	60.00
Corning .....	0.95
Delhi .....	6.60
Escalon .....	1050.00
Eureka .....	3.00
Fortuna .....	7.22
Gilroy .....	80.00
Grass Valley .....	35.00
Gridley .....	37.90
Gustine .....	20.00
Highway City .....	11.30
Hollister .....	115.00
Kerman .....	36.64
Lodi .....	166.42
Los Banos .....	16.23
Madera .....	18.83
Manteca .....	19.00
Modesto (Pentecostal Church) .....	71.00
Morgan Hill .....	27.50
Napa .....	64.50
Oakdale .....	18.82
Oakland (Calvary Temple) ..	145.25
Oakland (Grace Assembly) ..	22.78
Oakland (First Church) ....	25.00
Oakland (Bethel Tabernacle) ..	20.00
Olivehurst .....	10.00

Pacific Grove .....	130.00
Placerville .....	13.50
Point Arena .....	11.88
Quincy .....	7.85
Richmond .....	44.55
Rio Dell .....	10.00
Roseville .....	94.54
Sacramento (Bethel Temple) .	1103.00
St. Helena .....	45.00
San Francisco (Glad Tidings) ..	37.50
San Francisco (Sunset Gospel Tabernacle) .....	10.00
San Jose (Calvary Community Church) .....	\$ 39.00
San Jose (Upper Room Mission) .....	10.00
San Leandro .....	16.00
Santa Cruz .....	172.58
Santa Rosa .....	5.00
Sebastopol .....	39.03
Stockton (Calvary Tabernacle) ..	100.00
Sunnyvale .....	10.00
Tehama .....	13.18
Tuolumne .....	14.00
Turlock .....	231.15
Ukiah .....	12.67
Vallejo (Full Gospel) .....	335.50
Vallejo (Chabot Assembly) ..	34.00
Watsonville (Bethel Tabernacle) .....	633.58
Watsonville (Pajaro Assembly) .....	27.00
Weed .....	25.00
Winters .....	50.00
Woodland .....	207.00
Yreka .....	11.00
Elko, Nevada .....	10.00

It may be your prayer is like a ship, which, when it goes on a very long voyage, does not come home laden so soon; but when it does come home, it has richer freight.

Plan to Attend—

## YOUTH CAMP

August 30 to September 3

Bethany Park

Santa Cruz





## To Each His Own

by WHEELER W. ANDERSON,  
North Bay Sectional Chairman

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done." (Revelation 22:12, Revised Standard Version.)

What a grand and glorious, indescribable feeling is soon going to be ours, young folk, with all Christians, when Jesus' promised coming becomes a reality. He will give to each one a "pay-check" for what he has done while in this life on earth. If we are true to Him now, He will reward us for it in that time and shall add much more than we could ever earn.

Do you remember just how you felt when you earned your first money? When your first job of work that you did for wages was done and you came to payday, it was a deep thrill to know that you had earned that money by your very own honest effort, it was rightfully your own, and you could put it down into your pocket with a keen sense of possession. Magnify and enlarge that happy thrill about a million times and you begin to realize what it is going to mean to have Jesus say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The other side of the picture is that the "wages of sin is death." God knows just what we are doing and thinking at all times, even in the car parked out at the end of the dark lane. He knows just where we are every day and night, and each deed and word will be recorded in heaven to be referred to in the judgment. Even when we may think we are lost in the crowd, He knows. "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Yes, Jesus will "repay every one for what he has done." There will be no thrill nor joy, not even any pleasant excitement, to receive "the wages of sin."

When examination day comes in school there is usually that last-minute cramming and intense effort to prepare for it, so that a good grade may be attained. And in reality it is high time for intense effort to be put forth on our part, preparing for Jesus' coming.

## God Needs Youth

by J. R. EDGAR, C.A. Counselor

"Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them."—Numbers 11:29.

Christ's Ambassadors, God needs youth! He needs young people full of the Holy Ghost, who will take their stand for Him—today. This world is in a terrible mess and people everywhere need to have the gospel of Christ brought to them to help them out of sin and chaos. God is depending upon you.

I often think of the illustrious and adventurous prophets of old. Some lived in king's palaces, yet they stood for all that was holy and pure. In the midst of ungodliness and idolatry they lived in full and public devotion to God. Others came from the wilderness and in wonderful power and anointing they cried out against sin and apostasy.

Finally, into this world of darkness came Jesus as a great light. He came just as prophets of old said He would come. Moses said He would be the greatest of all prophets, this only begotten Son of God. Truly the windows of heaven were opened up as Christ came to earth.

The rich blessings of God seemed to flow everywhere Jesus went. The lost were saved, all manner of sickness was healed and many wonderful miracles on every hand were performed. His coming brought an abundance of joy and gladness to human hearts. Isn't it glorious that Jesus is just the same today?

One day our Lord came riding into the city of Jerusalem, and the people stirred by His life and ministry cried out, "Who is this man?" The reply that came back has echoed down through the ages, "This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."

C.A.'s, let us let our lives tell for God in every city and country. God has poured out of His Holy Spirit upon us that we might go forth with power to live and witness for Him. Souls are perishing on every hand and some have still

The following Christ's Ambassador groups have supported C.A. work in the District by contributing an offering for the month of March. Happily we turn the spotlight in their direction and pray that God shall richly reward them for faithfulness in supporting the District office.

Richmond	Lodi
Chico	Eureka
Woodland	Sacramento
Benicia	(Bethel)
Gridley	Vallejo (Full Gospel)
Santa Rosa	Corning
Morgan Hill	Hayward
Escalon	Los Banos
Lincoln	Walnut Creek
Campbell	Tracy
Santa Cruz	Napa
Berkeley	Yreka
Monta Vista	Ukiah
Las Vegas	Boyes Springs
Weed	Atwater
Riverbank	Concord
Sebastopol	Reno
Salida	Burlingame
San Jose (Calvary)	Stockton (Calvary)
Roseville	Colusa
Sunnyvale	Susanville
Oakland (Bethel)	Alameda
Oroville	St. Helena
Redwood City	
Highway City	

The purpose of this feature is to promote faithfulness in systematic monthly giving; so if the name of your group does not appear in this month's column, make sure it will be there next time by mailing your offering to Richard Fulmer, Secretary-treasurer. It is a pleasure to publish the names of all C.A. groups who faithfully support our C.A. work. But more important than that is the fact that God abundantly blesses those who do their part.

to hear of Jesus and His great salvation. Let us go forward lifting our banner high, "Christ For All And All For Christ."



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## The Date is Set

For the 7th National Sunday School Convention. It will be held from the 6th to the 10th of March 1949.

On March 19, Brothers E. S. Williams, J. R. Flower, R. M. Riggs, G. F. Lewis, F. M. Boyd, J. Z. Kamerer, H. A. Armstrong and M. L. Grable met in an all-day session to consider plans for the future of the Sunday school work. The final decision was that we should have another national Sunday school convention in Springfield in 1949, instead of the regional conventions that were talked about at our last convention.

In addition to the plans for the holding of the 7th national Sunday school convention in Springfield, the Sunday School department was instructed to set to work on plans for four regional conventions to be held in 1950. These conventions will be spread out over the nation, with each one taking in about one-fourth of the area of the United States. In these regional conventions we hope to reach more people by bringing the convention closer to them. From there on, the regional conventions will be held every two years with a national convention being held in the off year. The 1949 national convention will probably be the last to be held in Springfield, especially if interest continues to grow, as there isn't an auditorium in Springfield that will hold a much larger convention than we had this year.

Besides the Shrine Mosque, where the mass meeting at night will be held, the Sunday School department has already secured the use of the American Legion Hall, Grace Methodist Church, and St. Paul Methodist Church for these dates. They are near the Mosque and will provide private auditoriums for our departmental group meetings which will relieve the crowded conditions in our conferences that we experienced this year. These separate conferences will be opened at nine o'clock in the morning in the different auditoriums, run for an hour and a half, then a brisk three-minute walk to get our blood circulating good while we're on our way to the Mos-

que where we will have the closing part of the sessions.

Let's begin to make plans to be there for this grand Sunday School convention. Not just 54 strong, but I'd like to see us have at least 100 delegates from our district this coming year.

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## Tips for Teachers

### 1. Manifest Concern.

The Lord has made you a shepherd over that group of pupils that you meet with every Sunday morning. To be a good shepherd you must be vitally concerned about their welfare and endeavor to lead them to good pastures.

### 2. Win Your Pupils to Christ.

The paramount requisite for every teacher is to bring every pupil who does not know the Lord to a personal and practical experience of salvation. There are many hungry hearts who are waiting for someone to show them the way.

### 3. Help Your Pupils to Grow.

A soul needs nourishment as well as the body. When they are first saved they are just newly-born babes. Someone has to feed them, teach them to talk, encourage them to walk, and the many other things that young Christians need to know. A large share of this work must be done by the teacher.

### 4. Encourage Your Pupils to Study.

The pupil who studies his lesson will come to Sunday school with keen interest and an eagerness for the teacher's guidance in extending, deepening, and making more meaningful his study of the Bible. His prayer will soon be, "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

### 5. Lead the Way to Church.

All teachers are in need of the help, strength, and instruction that they will receive when they attend the Sunday morning and evening services, as well as the mid-week services. Then besides this, the teacher is an example to his pupils and cannot ask them to attend these

services unless the teacher sees his own need of attending.

### 6. Be on Time.

A teacher should be on time in order that he might have the classroom ready for the class session, as well as to be there to greet the pupils as they come in. It is also a good thing to have a few minutes of prayer before Sunday school begins.

### 7. Prepare Thoroughly.

Every teacher should have at least three times more material on hand when he enters the classroom than he can possibly use. It is much easier to keep the attention of the pupils if you have an abundance of material to give them.

### 8. Co-operate with Others.

When the workers of the school are committed to a common objective and unanimously co-operate for its attainment, the work of the Lord progresses. To desire to have our own way without considering others is not manifesting the Christian spirit.

### 9. Welcome Suggestions.

Many times we are able to profit by the experience of others. God's blessing may be upon our work, but we should constantly be on the outlook for ideas and methods that will help us to accomplish greater things for Him.

### 10. Attend Workers' Conferences.

The value of conferences has been realized by the business world of today. Should not we Christians gather together to formulate plans, solve problems, and encourage workers to press the battle for the Lord?

### 11. Broaden Your Knowledge.

We need to broaden our knowledge of the task that lies before us. Not only should we become acquainted with the general field in which we labor but the crying need today is for departmental experts who will specialize in their own field of labor.

### 12. Train Yourself.

We are living in an age of trained personnel. No longer does the Jack-of-all-trades find it easy to get a job. Solomon said, "Knowledge increaseth strength." And we have a real job before us.

### 13. Become Personally Acquainted with Your Pupils.

To properly meet the need of your pupils, you must know their home life, as well their social and school life. To accomplish this you must meet the pupil outside the classroom.

Of all the things you wear your expression is the most important.



# MISSIONS

## Winter Living in China

(By W. W. Simpson, who for many years has been a missionary near the Tibetan border. Taken from a letter to Brother J. Narver Gortner.)

I wish you could just peep into my bare little room where I live, eat, sleep, and work. You will not see any comforts, conveniences and compensations. I eat only Chinese food, sleep on a camp cot, and have a small charcoal fire in an old wash basin to keep from freezing. The temperature of my room has been below freezing nearly every morning for a month. Even with my fire going all day the mercury rarely rises to fifty degrees. I have to wear a long heavily padded gown to keep from catching cold. I have worn four pairs of wool sox nearly all winter. Even so my feet are cold most of the time. I have a brass bed warmer at the foot of my bed else I would have died long ago. Now, however, spring is coming on and the weather is getting warmer.

My one ambition is to speed up the evangelization of West China and Tibet, and thus do my full share in preparing the way for the Lord's return by finishing up the great task of proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom in all the world as a witness to all nations. I not only preach the gospel myself, I also assist in training many Chinese students to go forth all over this immense region of nearly 100,000,000 people, who have never heard the name of Jesus, preaching to every creature as the Lord commanded. But we must build other rooms so that we can accommodate 100 in all. We had 35 students in the fall term, and we expect 50 this spring. Our great hindrance is that the Chinese are so poor they are unable to pay board, and many cannot pay their road expense. I eat only the Chinese food with the students so as to use practically all my allowance to help the poor students to get the benefit of the training here.

When the spring term ends I shall travel the 450 miles from here to Labrang, Tibet, mostly afoot, carrying a quilt for bedding, stopping at ten or more places en route for meetings, speaking to thousands I shall meet as I go along then travel about twice that distance so as to cover my entire Kansu field,

where we have about 70 assemblies with a total membership of over 4,000. I want to hold our District Council and visit as many assemblies as possible in four months time so as to return here for the fall term of the institute. . . . You have palaces, temples, and every provision for the comfort and pleasure of all who attend your meetings in America, while we worship mainly in filthy huts with dirt floors.

## Faithful in Persecution

(Brother Ralph Williams, our veteran missionary in Santa Ana, El Salvador, and superintendent of that field, gives an account of some of the experiences suffered by the believers and workers in that country. It follows.)

Jose is of a courageous nature and had kept on preaching despite the rocks and dirt thrown at him, and several of the townspeople had made a profession of salvation. In any case it would have been of no use to appeal to the local authorities for protection, for the mayor was as bitterly opposed as anyone. One night the police came and took a number of the believers and threw them into a filthy evilsmelling jail. This seemed like defeat for the campaign, but the believers did not lose faith, for they had felt from the beginning that this persecution would redound to the furtherance of the gospel. Jose's optimism encouraged the others, and much of the night was spent in prayer in behalf of the brethren who were in jail.

God heard and wrought a remarkable change in the mayor overnight. Early next morning when Jose went to intercede for the brethren and to point out to him that the law guarantees liberty of worship, his scornful arrogance was gone; and he went and unlocked the jail doors and set the brethren free. He was fearful lest they should take action against him through the higher authorities, and he begged them not to mention anywhere that he had put them in jail, promising to see that they were given proper respect in the town and that their preaching could go on unhindered.

Just two weeks ago we went to Camones, a nearby assembly, to investigate a strange phenomenon that had caused great alarm among the villagers and no



Brother Ralph Williams is shown giving aid to pastors taken prisoner for preaching the gospel. Note the thumbs tied together.

little concern to the believers. In this 20th century we ridicule the idea of witches or wizards, but out there in that rough country the practice of witchcraft, whether pure trickery and cunning of men or demon power, has flourished and acquired some renown.

For about 10 days one of our brethren had been the object of many and varied missiles thrown from all sides day or night. The tiles of the roof of his house were smashed. He was struck with rocks hurled from no one knows where. Furniture moved out of his house seemingly of its own volition. The police came to investigate, and they received the same treatment. One of them was struck by a bottle, and when they rushed out of the house to see who had thrown it, no one was to be found although they beat the brush for a good distance on all sides. They did jail a suspected "wizard" in whose possession they found a book entitled "El Libro Infernal" (Book of Hell), but the terrifying happenings continued.

The believers prayed day and night with the brother, who by then had left his home and taken refuge in the church. By the end of the week they were almost defeated, worn out in body from lack of sleep and frustrated in faith. Then two of our older workers went out to the scene, rallied the brethren and again sought the Lord in prayer. They too saw and heard strange things, and one of them was struck on the head, violently enough to raise quite a bump, by an old shoe that seemed to fly across the room from nowhere.

We went to church that night all feeling a little uncertain as to what might happen. Praise God, it was the night of victory. The singing became a little

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## News from . . .

# Here and There

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**ATWATER**—Early in April, Pastor Richard C. Fulmer wrote: "At the time of this writing we are entering the fourth week of a precious visitation of God's Spirit. In actuality it began shortly after the first of the year as our people began to seek earnestly for revival. In February Brother Jack White came to us. In the two weeks he was with us a definite work was begun in the lives of the saints. Several were saved or reclaimed. And from that time until the present there was no let up on the part of Christians who were seeking for more of the Lord's blessing. Three weeks ago Brother and Sister Eddie Washington began special evangelistic services. From the first night the church was packed out, several nights beyond its capacity. The Sunday school has reached a new high. On Easter it went to 227, and from there to 246. Many have been saved. Whole families have come to church for the first time in years and have been saved and are now seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Three have been filled with a beautiful and overflowing experience."

**AUBURN**—The Capitol district fellowship meeting held there April 12 was a good day of fellowship and blessing. The afternoon and evening speakers respectively were Pastor Homer Doyle of Colusa and Brother Gaston. The host pastor was Brother T. L. Men-denhall.

**CALISTOGA**—After many months of working under the handicap of having no place in which to hold services, the group having prayer meetings in a home, the assembly has now acquired the use of the Methodist church in which to resume regular services. Pastor Myrtle Hynning has been able to secure full use of the church building, and, after long faithfulness, is enjoying the blessing of renewed interest in the Pentecostal message on the part of resident families. The new church enterprise is known as the Assembly of God Evangelistic Center.

**CHICO**—Pastor E. Wm. Anderson reports that the meeting Evangelists Eddie and Ruth Washington held with him for four weeks were the best attended services in years. Souls were saved at almost every service. On several occasions the church was packed out to the sidewalk. The Sunday school attendance reached a new high of 340. On Easter the attendance was 402. On April 11, the Cante-lon Evangelistic Party began a campaign. Brother and Sister Anderson and Opal Van Dyke are on the radio every Saturday morning at 9:00, the Gospel Radio Broadcast, KHSL, 1290 kc.

**CHOWCHILLA**—The church has been enjoying very good revival meetings this spring. Large crowds were in attendance and many were healed during the five nights Evangelist W. W. Freeman held meetings early in March. Following these services, Brother Gene Hays of Walnut Creek held meetings with good results. In early April, Marles Moore, an Indian evangelist from the Sioux tribe of South Dakota, held a campaign. Evangelist Ben Harris, who comes

from the Nebraska District has begun meetings. Wilbur Ogilvie is the pastor.

**CORNING**—Two were saved and many were stirred during the three-day youth revival Brother Thomas Custock held there in March. The people are encouraged and are expecting greater things. Joseph Harper is the pastor.

**DALY CITY**—Pastor Vernon Murray has resigned and will return to evangelistic work. He may be contacted by writing 1640 64th Ave., Oakland.

**EL CERRITO**—Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson began a revival campaign for Pastor L. H. Rogers in early April.

**ELKO**—Evangelist and Mrs. Clifford McAteer conducted a successful meeting for Pastor Tewell from April 4 to 18.

**GALT**—Sinners were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Ghost during the three weeks of revival meetings Evangelist Raymond L. Neal held there in March. There were also several remarkable healings during the meetings. Brother Vernon H. Ragsdale is the supply pastor.

**LIVE OAK**—The Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting was held there March 29. Peggy Williams, 14-year-old evangelist, and Brother R. T. Doherty of Redding were the speakers. At the close of the evening service, which was held in the high school auditorium, many were at the altar seeking the Lord's salvation. The pastor is Brother B. H. Givens.

**LOS BANOS**—A number were at the altar for salvation at the close of the South San Joaquin fellowship meeting held in Los Banos on March 22. Brother Howard Carter was the speaker at the afternoon service. In the evening, Brother Leland Johnson brought a missionary message before the evangelistic message by Brother Richard Fulmer. Brother Paul E. Radley is the pastor.

**MARTINEZ**—Brother M. P. Bohnet, pastor at Santa Rosa, held a revival meeting for Pastor Otto Schmidt from March 9 to 21. A real outpouring of God's Spirit was witnessed, and souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Five were filled with the Spirit the closing night. There were several immersed in a water baptismal service which followed.

**MERCED**—Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and there have been some definite healings during the meetings Evangelist and Mrs. H. W. Marney of Dallas, Texas, have been holding for Pastor T. E. Woods since March 23.

**MODESTO (Airport)**—Some 25 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and about 11 were added to the church during the meetings Evangelist and Mrs. Bird and Evangelist Lois Alexander held from February 14 to

March 14. There were good results also in the meetings Brother Alexander Benjamin held for two weeks beginning March 28. Pastor Ernest M. Adams reports that the Sunday school is growing and every department of the church is doing well.

**MODESTO (Bethel)**—The meetings that the Fox Party of Canada held in April for Pastor Donald G. Weston were so well attended that the Sunday evening services were held at the Wintergarden auditorium. The pastor reports that there were 300 first decisions for Christ, 15 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and on the closing night 38 were baptized in water. It was the greatest revival in the history of the church.

**MODESTO**—There were 18 saved and 27 filled with the Holy Spirit during the revival campaign Evangelist Lloyd J. Croslin of Oklahoma held for Pastor R. Tackett. Since the meeting the Pastor and church are arranging to join the Assemblies of God fellowship.

**MORGAN HILL**—Evangelist and Mrs. C. R. Peterson held a very good campaign in April for Pastor Elmer E. Stump.

**NAPA**—Pastor Joseph G. Garland and Evangelist Richard Ruff were the speakers at the North Bay fellowship meeting held there March 15. Pastor A. J. Ruedger reports that they enjoyed very good services both in the afternoon and evening.

**NEWARK**—Brother Earl Q. Teal has resigned as pastor.

**OAKLAND (Bethel)**—Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Ruff have been in good meetings with Pastor R. H. Moon since April 4. As well as Brother Ruff's preaching, the fine singing of Sister Ruff was greatly enjoyed as was also her travelogues.

**POINT ARENA**—Pastor John A. Westfall reports that Brother Frank Horne of Hoopa held a good revival for him in Point Arena and at Stewart's Point, as well as at the nearby Indian reservations. A number were saved and some were reclaimed.

**PORTOLA**—There was a definite stir in the assembly and five were saved during the meetings Evangelist Bougher held for five weeks. The Western Nevada fellowship meeting was held in Portola April 5. The afternoon speaker was Brother C. C. North of Greenville. In the evening Brother Floyd Thomas, missionary home from West Africa, brought the message. On April 18, Brother and Sister R. L. Neal began a revival campaign. The pastors are Julia M. Peterson and Ruth M. Bertenshaw.

**RIVERBANK**—One of the largest sectional C.A. rallies was held in the Riverbank grammar school auditorium on March 22. The



attendance was 825 and the offering was \$104.89. Eddie and Ruth Washington were the speakers.

**ROHNERVILLE**—Brother John A. Hasley has resigned as the pastor.

**SACRAMENTO** (Bethel)—The church has launched out in a new evangelistic project. It has purchased a small church in the Oak Park District, 38th Street and 9th Avenue. Regular services will be held and special effort made to reach those who would not be reached in Bethel Temple. The new church was crowded, some standing, for the first service, which was held Sunday afternoon April 18, there being about 150 present. Bethel Temple young people will provide the musical programs for the services. Brother Payne, founder of the mission in Mongolia, was the special speaker in Bethel April 18, 19, and 20. Pastor N. E. Hinman is to hold a missionary conference for Pastor F. J. Lindquist in the Gospel Tabernacle in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for two weeks beginning May 2. Bethel Temple now has a radio program every morning Monday through Friday from 10:30 to 11:00 instead of only three days a week. The station is KCRA.

**SAN FRANCISCO** (Glad Tidings)—The temple congregation and visitors enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Jay B. Oaks from Oklahoma City for two weeks from April 4 to 18. There was a good number at the altar for salvation. The Sunday evening music programs are broadcast each week from 7:30 to 8:00 over Station KSAN. Pastor L. R. Keys and music talent are also on that station every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 presenting a program titled "Concerning Pentecost." Brother Gaylord Atwell is continuing his Saturday evening organ program on KSAN from 10:00 to 10:30.

**SAN JOSE** (Calvary)—The first unit of their new church building was dedicated by the congregation of Calvary Temple at special service held Sunday afternoon April 11. Brother Gaston brought the dedication message and Brother R. J. Renfro, the presbyter for the Peninsula section, also participated in the service. Pastor R. R. Carmichael and the people have planned and developed a very fine building which will be but a part of the completed structure yet to be erected.

**STOCKTON** (Calvary)—Evangelist Lefkowitz of Chicago, for three years in the Jewish mission work, held a very successful revival campaign in Stockton from April 4 to 25. Pastor Earl F. Davis reports that there was not a blank night; someone was saved or filled or both at every service of the campaign. Sister Lefkowitz does a fine work, assisting in holding children's services in the evenings.

**VALLEJO**—Following a well attended sunrise service in Blue Rock Springs Park and the light breakfast which was enjoyed afterward, the assembly enjoyed a blessed day on Easter Sunday. The Sunday school had a record attendance of 246. In the morning service 10 new members were received into the church. In the evening service 12 were bap-

tized in water. Robert Bowman and Les Barnett of the Far East Broadcasting Company were there for a missionary service April 4. Beginning April 19, a night school was conducted with three classes each evening, teaching Pentecostal Doctrines, Personal Work, and Sunday School Teacher Training. The teachers were Pastor Joseph Gerhart and Mrs. Gerhart and Pastor Wm. C. Jones of Yreka.

**WALNUT CREEK**—Brother A. C. Pye supplied the pulpit during the absence of Pastor Wm. R. Porter in April.

**WESTWOOD**—Three were saved and three were filled with the Spirit during the two weeks of meetings Evangelist Mae Nimmire held in early spring for Pastor Wm. C. Röss. There also were good results in the special children's services the evangelist conducted. Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Bougher of New Mexico are holding meetings there in May.

**WOODLEAF**—April 11 brought to a close a very good two weeks meeting Evangelists Holmes and Jackson held for Pastor Martin Engbretsen in the new church, which was dedicated Saturday April 3 at a special service for the occasion. The District presbyter, Brother Albert Rowley, brought the dedication message. Brother Wm. T. Scott of Oroville also spoke at the service. There were many neighboring ministers who were present for the occasion, and there were local people who expressed appreciation of the work being done. The new church in the mountains is a 24x40 foot structure, finished with knotty pine, and it has a seating capacity of 120. Brother Engbretsen went into this lumbering community and started this gospel work from the beginning. The Lord has blessed his and Sister Engbretsen's labors in His service, and now this gospel lighthouse is doing business for God in a new section of the tall trees of the Sierras.

### Wed in North

Robert E. Cull, Jr., and his bride, the former Mary Olson of Sutherlin, Washington, announce their recent marriage in Vancouver, Washington.

### New Arrivals

Evangelist and Mrs. R. L. Neal have welcomed a new member into their party. Michael Ray was born March 19.

Brother and Sister C. E. Lebeck are the proud parents of a daughter born Easter Sunday morning. Her name is Lenora Freida.

Little Esther Ruth arrived April 15 to live at the parsonage in Manteca. Her parents are Pastor and Mrs. Paul Clapper.

### Personal Mention

Evangelist WALTER H. SMITH has been holding meetings in Astoria, Oregon, recently.

Brother and Sister R. E. HENKE left April 15 for Mexico to take up gospel work there. While they continue language study in Mexico City, they will do as much evangelistic and missionary work as time will permit.

After holding some good meetings in the Bahama Islands, Brother and Sister STANLEY P. McPHERSON went to Jamaica where they have been in evangelistic work in recent weeks.

The BOARDMAN SISTERS are returning from Oregon early in May. They will be available for Daily Vacation Bible School work during the summer in our District.

Brother ALBERT J. LEBECK has been guest speaker at several service clubs in Sacramento, and has been speaker in many other communities, in Stockton, Marysville, Santa Ana, Lodi, Roseville, Folsom Prison, and for the California Agriculture Christian Association at Davis.

Pastor BENJAMINE H. GIVENS of Live Oak has been elected one of the city councilmen, receiving the highest number of votes cast for any councilman.

**FOR SALE**—1939 Chevrolet steel-body bus, 30 passengers, new motor. Will sell at a discount. Replaced by newer bus. Contact Pastor Everett Morgan, Red Bluff.

**FOR SALE**—120-bass electric accordion, 12-inch speaker. Good combination for evangelistic work, open-air services, or orchestra. Four changes in treble and one in bass. Made in Italy. Cost \$1000; will sell for \$690. R. A. Bailey, 134 California Street, Vallejo. Phone 2-4865.

**WANTED**—120-bass accordion, lady's size, reasonable price. Write Julia Ordaz, 1129 S. 8th Street, San Jose.



Isn't it wonderful how a coat, a suit, or a dress you have grown tired of, but still has lots of wear in it, can bring a double blessing? I trust everyone read the letter from Brother H. A. Park which appeared with pictures in the April GLAD TIDINGS. Two more interesting and appreciative letters have been received regarding the same shipment of relief clothing that Brother A. W. Hall took with him to China for us.

Sister Lula Bell Hough writes: "We were very happy when Brother and Sister Park told us of the clothing that had arrived from home and said they would share it with our people in Fanling. The day was set for the distribution and the Parks came out to take snaps of the people as they received. We had been given four parcels and it was such a nice assortment. One was all bedding; another all men's suits and clothing; a third, a mixture of winter clothing; and the fourth, summer clothes. How I wish you could have been here to see the people as they received their bundles! We tried to give the things where they were most needed. We have a number of widows with several children each, and of course remembered them. They were really thrilled. Others we knew had no bedding and were just using their few clothes for bedding at night. How thrilled they were to become the happy recipients of a quilt or a blanket. One girl who is attending Bible school in Canton was home on vacation and received a lovely pair of warm gloves which she was badly in need of at the time. Everyone went down the road rejoicing and praising God."

Brother Hall also took several boxes of infant clothing made by our different W.M.C. groups for Mrs. John Perdue's orphans. I know you will enjoy her letter:

"We were very happy to hear from you and greatly appreciate your kindly interest in China. You will be glad to know the 'Canton Foundling Home' is at present sheltering about 40 small infants, all under two years of age. Due to the terrible inflation of the Chinese National Dollar (now quoted at \$490,000 for one U.S. dollar) the plight of the poorer class of people can hardly be real-

ized. Daily they are finding it increasingly difficult to provide sufficient food, clothing and shelter for their little ones. We wish it were possible for you to drop in at the baby home and see the great change that takes place in the lives of these little tots brought in from the streets in a ragged and pitiful condition. Now you will find them happy and clothed in clean warm garments. Once they are given proper care and good food, they look so sweet. And are all precious in His sight. Thank you very kindly for the fine assortment of infants' garments, etc., sent with Brother and Sister A. W. Hall. God bless and recompense many fold from His great abundance." She closed with two Chinese characters which mean "Carved on our heart is our gratitude."

The Bernhard Johnsons write from Brazil: "It is a month now since we arrived in Brazil and we must say the Lord has been good to us. We had to wait in Rio de Janeiro more than two weeks and had the joy of ministering and teaching in the different assemblies and visiting with our Assemblies of God missionaries stationed there, the Boyers, Lawrence Olsons, and the Hargraves. But we are so thankful to be back here in the inland at our own station. We arrived over two weeks ago and haven't got our house fixed up yet. We start to do something, then someone comes to welcome us home and our house is full from morning to night with Christian people and unsaved people from all walks of life, all showing their love toward us. Even the radio and newspapers announced our return. We certainly appreciate and praise the Lord for this great friendship."

A new W.M.C. was recently organized at Salida church and on March 23 the W.M.C. sponsored an evening rally in which the whole church participated. Your director was invited to present the District work, and Brother Thurmond gave a message from God's Word.

Around 5,000 pounds of relief clothing is now being processed by Church World Service for shipment to South India, and another 1200 pounds is being sent to Singapore to Lulu Ashmore.

COAST COUNTIES DISTRICT RALLY—On April 21, the Hollister W.M.C. was host to a large attendance

## Alumnitems

After a long illness which had impaired his activities from time to time for many years, Brother Ben Moore, class '36, was called to be with his Lord the morning of March 29. The end came in a San Francisco hospital on the day scheduled for him to undergo another serious operation on his heart. This young pastor leaves a wife and four children for whom we earnestly pray and to whom we would extend heartfelt sympathy in this time of great loss. For the past several years, Brother Moore has been affiliated with the Open Bible Standard organization and has been serving as pastor in their churches.

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Brother Ray Boyd, class '45, was joined in marriage recently to Ruth Jensen of Glendale. Brother Boyd is now serving as assistant pastor in Covina, California.

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Wm. L. Hayes, class '35, is pastor in Moro, Oregon.

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The pastor and wife in Placerville, G. Oliver and Opal Hall, are members of the class of '41.

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Sally Bradley and Helen Beasley, both of the class of '46, are engaged in evangelistic work in Oklahoma at the present time. They recently held a good campaign in Catoosa for three weeks. At the close of that meeting they began a revival in Verdigris.

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Anna Silveira Alton, class '27, lives in Riverbank. She is the mother of two sons.

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Brother William Wienmann, Sunday School Superintendent at Glad Tidings Temple, is a member of the class of '25. Sister Weinmann graduated with the class of '29.

from the various churches in that section. Miss Marion Minogue, sectional chairman, was in charge. The guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas from Africa, Sister Ruth Couchman from Peru, and Mrs. R. J. Thurmond.

Please send in interesting items from your W.M.C. Others will enjoy your sharing them.

—Mrs. R. J. T., Director.



## Missions . . . Faithful

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more confident. Then we had a season of unified prayer and finally a good message encouraging faith. Just before the meeting closed, the pastor stood, his eyes tired from lack of sleep, but with a happy expression on his face . . . They are still fighting the good fight of faith against the powers of darkness. Pray for them.

Sixteen of the members of the church of Pastor Manuel Gutierrez are spending their sixth night in jail, the victims of a series of false accusations. They were dragged from their little church while holding a watchnight service. We went to the town where they will be tried. We got there in time to see our brethren brought in like criminals, tied together two by two by their thumbs. They had been brought afoot, a distance of about 40 miles, having started out at one o'clock in the morning and arriving in Santa Tecla just at noon. We were allowed to talk to them in the street and later in the jail and were able to take them food and fruit, for they had been given very little to eat. Nine of them have been released, but the rest are still being held, truly suffering for Christ's sake. We know He is with them and believe their innocence will soon be proved and that this seeming tragedy will prove to be a victory for the church in Jicalapa.

Can we realize what it costs many of these folk to turn from their old customs, associates, and religion to accept Jesus as their Saviour, then stand and confess Him before their townspeople? To some of them it means a serious break in their family. Often their employment is taken from them, and in many other ways they are made to feel the hatred of those whose eyes are not yet opened to the truth. You can understand why we try to get each new group of believers organized into a church as soon as possible with a little place of worship to call their own and from which they cannot be turned out. Here is where financial help comes in as a gift from God. The brethren themselves provide most of the material needed, often give the ground and do most of the manual labor, but help to buy nails or roof tiles or boards for benches is often a wonderful help to them. Then they dedicate the new building to the Lord, and with their tithes

support their pastor, and a church has begun that will soon have two or three outstations in the surrounding villages.

### Another Pioneer Work

by LOWELL E. DOWDY  
(Caracas, Venezuela)

Now we really feel like missionaries—living in a part of town where there is no running water, no sewers (the black-muck runs down the streets), where there is only outside plumbing, and the better homes are made of sun-baked mud bricks.

When the Olsons returned to Venezuela, we felt led to come up here to this needy field, which is on the opposite side of the city from the other church. We did not obey this leading until the first of the year, when the need was presented to us so forcefully.

We have three small rooms along side the little hall where we conduct services. At the end of these is a separate *ranchito* which we use for a bedroom and study. There were only mud floors; so we put in cement floors, a window, and a door, and whitewashed the inside walls. Since moving here, we are being reminded so often of the missionary life of the Jonathan Goforths and of their having to declare open house so that the natives could see what they had. Well, we have not had to give any special invitation, because they just come!

Because of such small living quarters, we have sold almost all our earthly possessions except the bare necessities of life, such as table, chairs, and beds. But, even so, these folks think we are very rich. Without a doubt, these women had never seen a washing machine before. As we have no place to keep our machine except out in the open, the first washday was a real show for them. While Virla was washing, the native women were lined up on two sides of the house looking over the wall, and out front they were peeking through the fence. The water situation is quite a problem. Sometimes the water truck does not come for days, and when it does, because of the scarcity of water, the women fight and snarl at each other like starved wolves over a piece of meat. We can't afford to get caught in this confusion, as often they call the police; so we pay a neighbor boy to keep our two barrels filled (and, incidentally, to do our fighting for

### Latin American Orphanage Needs Clothing:

Sunsuits and nightgowns for girls, sizes 4 to 8; sunsuits, overalls, trousers, shirts, and shorts for boys, sizes 4 to 8; wash dresses and work clothes for the ranch workers on the place. Various sizes will be needed. Only light weight clothing should be sent; the climate is tropical.

### Bedding and Linen:

Medium size pillows, pillow cases, single size sheets and bedspreads, bath towels, oil cloth for the tables.

### Utensils and Miscellaneous Articles:

Kettles for cooking, ranging in size from 2 to 12 quart sizes; assorted sizes of skillets; long spoons, forks, knives, egg-beaters, and table silverware (stainless steel is ideal); small combs, tooth brushes, hair brushes, toys.

### Tools:

Tools for rough carpenter work, for shop, and general repair work, office equipment, and electrical equipment.

us). Our shower is a bucket and a dipper.

There are 18,000 people in this district alone and no other Protestant church. Many preachers have come and gone but have never established anything definite, and there is such a mixture of doctrine and beliefs as you have never seen. It will be a hard, slow process, but we are believing God to come to our rescue and to help us to raise up a real work for Him. After having Sunday school for six weeks, we have an average of 76 in attendance.

We should mention, too, that we have rented a little hall in another district of 80,000 inhabitants that has no Protestant work. We are preaching there three times each week, and God has seen fit to save a number of souls. This is a very fanatical part of the city, but God is able. Last week a young boy was saved, and when he went home his father tore his Bible and song book in pieces and told him he had no use for the evangelicos. But our brother has returned to the services; so he needs your prayers.

Why grumble that the house of your soul is in bad repair if you refuse to let the Landlord in.

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God will accept a broken heart but He must have all the pieces.



# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Essay on Morals

The decadence and corruption of our generation are seen in such books as Philip Wylie's *An Essay on Morals*,—"An essay which begins with the assurance that you, good reader, are a beast with the pure instinct of a beast, as is the author, and that we are nothing else." When we teach our youth that they are beasts with the instinct of beasts, we open wide the door of immorality and not only invite young folks to go in we actually push them in. The doctrine of evolution is the basis of much of our moral corruption. We have lost the sense of God-consciousness and our accountability to Him, with the result that immorality has swept in like a flood.

## Latest Doom Weapon

The latest doom weapon, according to Washington scientists, is carbon dioxide gas made with radioactive carbon 14. Rumored test results; death within four days to any living thing; persistence of destructive action: 6,000 years; defense. use of synthetic air. Gas masks won't work since CO<sub>2</sub> is an integral part of natural air.

## Secret Service Agents

Secret Service Agents are opening up a full-scale, nationwide war on counterfeiters. Agents who confiscated more than \$2.5 million in bogus money in the last four months say that counterfeiters are enjoying their greatest boom since before the war.

## Atomic Cloud Much Worse Than Bomb

"The United States has developed a radioactive cloud that kills anyone who comes in contact with it," Glenn L. Martin, airplane manufacturer, said yesterday.

"It is effective over a much larger area than is the atom bomb," he said.

Martin said the cloud is spread by wind, and its use requires sure knowledge of weather conditions or it might backfire on its users.

Martin said that the United States had new A-bombs much more effective than ones dropped on Japan, which are now obsolete.

Both the cloud and the bomb use the same material, he said, but the former is a vapor, formed either by itself or by sprinkling existing clouds with the material while the latter is a detonation instrument.

Martin told reporters the navy also has perfected guided missiles with homing device that can search out a ship at sea and destroy it.

"We can sink the ship even if it is half way across the ocean," he said, "All we have to do is to get our own ships out of the way."

## Annual Hangover Cost

Hangovers cost the nation \$1,000,000,000 annually. Each habitual alcoholic costs his employer \$550 annually.

## Americans Smoke over Five Billion Cigars

American smokers consumed almost 5,625,000,000 cigars in 1947.

## Reds Are Said to be Using Church Missionary Plan

In a recent meeting in San Francisco, The National Catholic Educational Association was warned Communists have borrowed the church's missionary approach in training party members "as missionaries of evil into the mainstream of American life."

Rev. James Keller of the Maryknoll Fathers, New York, made the assertion. Father Keller said there are more than 20 Communist night schools in the United States.

"In one of the largest (that boasts of 40,000 graduates over a four-year period) two noncommunist observers tell us that in every class every student is reminded in one way or another every 10 minutes by every teacher that he or she must be an apostle or a missionary," he said. "Get into a college, a government job, a trade union or into a newspaper is the gist of the missionary message repeated over and over again in this Communist school."

"They know that once they get enough of their followers into these four fields they control the thought and actually shape the destiny of the mass of the people."

## Postmaster Does His Bit of Evangelism

A postmaster's duties may be outside the field of evangelism but Postmaster Wilson of Sacramento is willing to do his bit. Recently speculating on reasons why people in faraway states think of the postmaster first when they want an errand done, Wilson drove out the I Street Bridge and dropped six sealed bottles into the Sacramento River.

It was his first experience in any direct attempt to bring the word of God to others. For in the bottles were slips of paper containing a religious message, and under it these words:

"Just to see where this will go, I would like to have each one who finds and reads it to throw it back into the water and write me a postal card stating when and where you found and read this message. State number (each slip is numbered) on card please."

The address: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mayes, International Highway Waterway, Airway Religious Sign Evangelists, Air Castle, 507 Chester Ave., Middleboro, Ky.

It all began a few days ago when Wilson received a package containing the six bottles from the evangelists, along with the following note;

"Enclosed please find six bottles with religious signs in them. Will you throw them in the river for me at your convenience?"

The note added, however, that "If you don't have the time give them to some of the ministers around there to throw in for me." But Wilson needed no help. With a relish that observers said approached evangelistic fervor, he stood on the bridge and chucked the bottles into the river himself.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

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Peace and Rest are two names for a flower which buds on earth, but is only found full bloom in heaven.

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The master-magnet of the gospel is not fear, but love. Penitents are drawn to Christ, not driven. One hair from the head of love will draw more than the cable of fear.